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## QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, HELD IN THE OLD ASSEMBLY ROOM, KING STREET EAST, SYDNEY, ON SUNDAY, JULY 2nd, 1854.

The meeting having been opened by singing and prayer Elder Augustus Farnham was appointed President of the Conference, and Elder John Jones Clerk.

PRESENT—

A. Farnham, President of the Australasian Mission, and his first Counsellor, Elder J. W. Fleming.

Travelling Elders, J. S. Eldridge, John M'Carthy.

President of the Sydney Branch, Elder John Jones, and his Counsel. Elders William Robb and Robert Evans.

President Farnham arose and said, that after being absent for some time, it gave him great pleasure to appear before them, more especially so, as they were met to transact important business, pertaining to the kingdom of God; this business has reference to time and eternity—that which we do in this life will effect us in the future—our salvation depends upon our acts in this life.

We have a name and a place in the most important dispensation ever committed to man, and we are met to transact the business of this dispensation, therefore it is becoming, that we should be one on this most important matter, for it is the business of the *true* and living God. This dispensation has been revealed in these last days, by the ministration of angels; I know this to be true, if it was not for this knowledge I would not have been here.

Brethren, how shall we know that we are in the church of God, without the spirit of God, which can only be received by the laying on of the hands of the servants of the Lord. There being few present is no evidence that it is not the Church of God.

We cannot suppose that all the honest in heart are present, for they are mixed among all nations, on this account the prophet said, that the gospel was to be preached to all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people; the holy spirit leads such to receive the gospel—thus it is that the servants of the Lord are sent forth to the nations of the

earth, proclaiming the message of life and salvation; these messengers have come to this land, and some of the honest in heart have been brought in.

Brethren, are you giving heed to the teachings you are receiving from these servants of the Lord; do we understand and give heed to that which was done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ; do we profit thereby, that we may come forth in the morning of the first resurrection.

I am not chastising, the spirit of chastisement is not upon me, my feelings are to bless you, for the cause has never been in so good a condition as at present; there never was that love and oneness among the saints that now exists. Breathren, continue so and still go forward, keeping close to your file leader, that when you go home to Zion, you may be blessed and lead on until you get into the presence of your Father. May you be kept faithful, so that when He shall come to make up the number of His Jewels you may be found among them.—Amen.

The destroyer is upon the face of the earth, the more the spirit of God is spread abroad, the more he exerts himself to make an inroad into the church, but if the saints keep the spirit of the Lord in their midst they will banish him, they can only do so by cultivating feelings of love and oneness. Amen.

The usual votes for sustaining with confidence and faith all the authorities of the church in this land, in Zion, and throughout the world; were then passed unanimously.

The work is rolling forth as fast as can be expected; there have been upwards of 60 added to the church during the past quarter, and they to all appearance are faithful Saints, ready to listen to and obey counsel.

Elder J. W. Fleming then addressed the Meeting, saying, Brethren and Sisters; I stand before you with feelings of deep interest for the building up of the church and kingdom of God on the earth as it has been organized in these days; my heart has been made to rejoice in the things that has been brought before us. The President said that he did not chastise, for this I am thankful. It does my heart good, because he has been absent, during which time the charge of this people has rested on Elder Jones and myself. He has returned again bringing with him the spirit of God, and finds the same in our midst; we come together full of the spirit, united, and the spirit of the Lord in our midst makes our hearts to rejoice.

Brethren, I know that this work is *true*, that God has set his hand a second time to recover the remnant of His people. He has sent His angel with the everlasting Gospel, and has commanded His servants to go forth and preach it to all people, and has given a commandment that all his Saints are to gather out of Babylon. He has began the work of restoration and will carry it forth until he accomplishes His purpose.

It is true, as the President remarked, that this work is not to be

trifled with, it would be better that a man should lose his right hand than that it should be lifted against this kingdom. So with James Parker, who has been cut off this day, better that this should have happened unto him, than to have acted in the manner that he has, to have the hands of this people raised against him. That which men do in opposition to the Gospel is not against us, but against God. We do not leave our homes to be trifled with, if we had not been sent by direct revelation we should not have come, and it is now as it was in the days of Christ, who said to the Jews in His, days fill up the measure of your Fathers. These words were spoken to the Scribes and Pharasees; they were not called by revelation, had no authority to teach the people. When the servants of God came, called by revelation they rejected them as their fathers did the prophets, and as their fathers slayed the prophets, so did the Jews fill up the measure of their fathers, by rejecting the revelations of God, brought in by Jesus Christ, and putting him and His apostles to death. So this generation are filling up the measure of their fathers, by rejecting the revelations of God given to the prophet Joseph Smith in this age of the world, and by dispising and persecuting the Saints, shedding their blood and that of the prophets also. If they will, let them go on and fill up the measure of their fathers.

No sooner do the servants of God appear among the people, than the hireling Priests of these days cry out as did the Scribes and Pharasees of old, " What sign showest thou." Now these men pretend to teach the people the way of salvation, I would like to know where they get their authority from? Is it from the Bible? if so let them point out chapter and verse. The Bible says no man taketh this honor on himself but he that is called of God, as Aaron was; Aaron was named by the Lord unto Moses, Where are the names of these modern priests. If they have authority, and it is not revealed in the Bible, when and where did they get their revelation. This generation does not believe in revelation, therefore they can have no authority, this is not according to the declaration of the Saviour, who said that, " upon this Rock,—(*Revelation*) I will build my church.

They, like those of old, reject the servants of the Lord who have been called by name as Aaron was, and that by the Revelations of God given in these days, drive the saints out of their midst. This is not doing as the Saviour instructed, Who said " As ye would that others should do unto you, so do ye unto them," our object is to show them their error and to lead them in the ways of truth, and righteousness, I will tell you what they are doing " They are filling up the measure of their fathers.

When revelation and authority from heaven comes to the earth you will find that it always produces the same effect. We have the old revelation which tells us they were not good men who rejected revelation; Christ said, I thank thee, O Father, that thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and revealed them unto babes. In His prayer he prayed for them that the father had given him out of

the world, they refused and rejected him, and the revelations given to him. So it was in the days of Noah, also when the angels visited Lot, the people rose to mob them.

And what is this generation doing, they say that God gives no more revelation. We say that God has given revelation, restoring the everlasting Gospel. He has brought to light the Book of Mormon. But what does this generation know about it. Isa. has truly described their condition when he said, "And it shall be as with the people so with the priest; as with the servant so with his master; as with the maid so with her mistress; as with the buyer so with the seller; as with the lender so with the borrower, as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury unto him. They are like the man in the days of King David, who on a certain occasion said to Joab let me run and tell the king; Joab said run, and when he came into the presence of the king he cried out Tidings my Lord! tidings my Lord! but he knew nothing of the matter; so it is with the priests of this day they run to the people without being sent, and cry tidings, tidings, but not a word of tidings have they got, they have not received one word for upwards of 17 Centuries. What tidings have they in reference to the present aspect of affairs, do they know who is right and who is wrong, when they are to go to war, and in what way and manner they are to act in the war, not one word of tidings have they for this people on this or any other subject, and because they have no tidings themselves they deny that any has been received by others, and like their fathers they reject, the message and dispise its bearers, thus they fill up the measure of their fathers, &c.

Conference adjourned until 3 P. M. Meeting was dismissed by singing and benediction.

Conference met pursuant to adjournment at 3 P. M. Meeting opened by singing and prayer, when the sacrament was administered, Elder J. Jones addressed the Meeting for a short time, the remainder being occupied by the Saints in testimony. The spirit of the Lord being in our midst, our hearts were made to rejoice in the mercies of Israel's God. There were ordained one Elder and one Priest.

The Meeting was adjourned until 7 P. M. Meeting was dismissed by Singing and Benediction.

Conference met at 7 P. M. Meeting opened by singing and prayer.

President Farnham addressed the Meeting on the falling away of the Primitive Church, and the restoration of the Gospel in the la t days.

Conference adjourned to the first Sunday in October.

Meeting dismissed by singing and benediction.

A. FARNHAM, PRESIDENT.

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## Original Correspondence.

Elder Fleming, Tamar, 18th June, 1854.

Dear Brother, I had intended to have testified to the truth of

this Gospel and to have read a small portion of my childrens' letter, but the time being occupied I could not do it. I hereby send you a few lines copied from the letter.

When do you think of leaving Babylon and come to Zion, let the time not be far distant, I feel that if you do not take the first opportunity that offers, you will either not come, or it will be in much sorrow and mourning.

I am glad, Tom and Arthur are glad, that we are in Zion, in the city where the Prophet of God dwells, here is manifested the power of God. I feel thankful that we have the priviledge of hearing Brigham tell us the mind and will of God, we now cannot feel sorrow that we did not live in the days when the Prophets of old revealed the will of God, no, for we are favoured as much as they were.

Yours truly, THOS. C. STAYNER.

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I hereby bear my humble testimony to the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, as propagated by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. I say in the name of the Great God of Heaven, who is the Great Jehovah and God of Israel, and in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, that this work is true, that many things have been indicated to me, independent of the works published by the Church, that any honest, candid man, who reads the publications with a prayerful heart, must be convinced of the truthfulness of the same. I have experienced many blessings since I joined the Church, now three years and ten months, during which time I have made seven passages between England and Sydney; never had I felt before so happy, comfortable and safe. People who have their doubts about the truth of this Gospel, their reading the discourse of President Young's, published in the "Empire" of the 17th June, 1854, would greatly assist in eradicating those doubts.

Furthermore, in a letter from my children, dated at the Great Salt Lake City, 28th October, 1853, wherein they certify that they have now the knowledge for themselves that they are living in a city where a Prophet of God dwells. I feel to say that I would not relinquish my belief in the Church of Latter-day Saints for all the treasures in the world, and if I remain faithful and steadfast to the end, I feel sure of attaining to a Celestial Glory in the Kingdom of Heaven.

My dear and beloved wife and partner in life joins me in the above testimony with all her heart.

THOS. C. STAYNER.

Sydney, June 18th, 1854.

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*Extract of a Letter from Elder Long to Elder Luke Syphus, dated Utah Territory, January 5th,* 1854.

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DEAR AND BELOVED BROTHER,

I received your letter of November 16, 1853, the contents of which

caused me to be exceedingly glad. On the same day I left the city, having, in connexion with ninety others, been called to go on a mission, to establish a settlement in the place where we now are. It is situate about 120 miles south east of the city. We had to fit ourselves out, every two furnishing between them one waggon, one plough, two yoke of cattle or oxen, one milch cow, and one beef ox, 600 lbs. of flour, bedding and cooking utensils, clothing and other provisions, sufficient for one year; by that time, if prospered, we shall have raised a crop, for we have seeds of wheat, oats, potatoes, and various other kinds. Since our arrival in this place we have built a fort; we are, as it were, under military orders for the present, having our guns and ammunition on hand.

We are making the necessary preparations for farming. There is plenty of grass and meadow lands to sustain our animals; plenty of fire-wood and timber close by; also, good soil for cultivation.

We are learning the Indian language, for the ultimate object of our mission is to preach the Gospel to them.

At the April Conference, 1852, I was ordained to the office of a seventy and joined the 23rd quorum.

I am glad that a spirit of enterprise and a love of the truth is dwelling within you. May the Lord God bless and prosper you, and enable you to progress in light and truth, that you may comprehend his designs with respect to the inhabitants of the earth.

I am enjoying good health and feel all right.

I have learned by a letter from Augustus Farnham, dated Sydney, August 14, 1853, which has been published in the "Deseret News," that he held a Conference in Sydney on the 3rd of the same month; that the Saints numbered 102, there being one branch at Sydney, one at Williams River, one at Melbourne, and it was expected that one would be organized at Clarence River, and another at Adelaide.

I would advise you to try to find and join them if you can, if you have not already done so.

It is Elder Farnham's intention to publish a paper, to be called the "Zion's Watchman," half the size of the "Star." J. W. Flemming, William Hyde, John M'Carthy, and John Jones, are the names of some of the Elders. If you can find them you will get such information as you need with regard to emmigrating to this place

I am glad to hear of your brothers being in the Church, and should be glad to hear that all my relations had embraced the Gospel.

Your affectionate brother, EDMUND LONG.

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*Copy of a Letter from Alexander Pain, formerly an Elder in the Sydney Branch.*

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DEAR PRESIDENT FARNHAM, *Melbourne, July 5*, 1854.

I am glad to inform you that the Lord has been pleased to bring me again to see that out of his Church there is neither full happiness

or salvation to be found. Brother Farnham, if I could express myself so as to tell you the power that satan has had over me since I rejected your counsel I think you would be surprised. I feel assured if I had acted as you told me with my wife I should not have fell, but the Lord has been merciful (unto me) in all my trials.

Brother Farnham, I now acknowledge that I believe all that I have ever heard from you, and I have proposed, by God's help, to receive all that you, or any one else in the Church of Jesus Christ can tell me, believing that God has spoke and does speak; therefore I desire to be admitted into full fellowship with the Saints of God once more.

Brother Farnham, may God guide you aright as to the manner your humble servant is to be dealt with; the Lord only knows of my tears and cries unto him for forgiveness, which the Lord has been pleased to answer to my soul by speaking peace and happiness to me, believing that the Lord has received me into His favour and (that) Brother Farnham and the Saints will do the same.

President Farnham,—I preach every Sunday on the wharf, the principles of the Gospel to the great body of the people, and I have had invitations to join the Campelites and the Plymouth Brethren, but I know that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is the only Church of God, therefore it is no go. I have preached four Sundays and have become quite a favourite with the people; so if I wanted to start a fresh sect of people I could soon do that here. A Dr. Milton, a great enemy to the Saints, has wanted me to start a sect with him, but I trace satan at the head of all the sects, so that it will remain a secret with the people what I am until I receive an answer from you, and then, with the help of God, I will stand against all the batteries of hell for the Church of Jesus Christ and his Saints.

I cannot find any Latter-day Saints here, except one or two, who have been like myself, and you know, they would give me no comfort.

Yours affectionately,
ALEXANDER PAIN.

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## DIVINE AUTHENTICITY OF THE BOOK OF MORMON.

MR. JABEZ BUNTING, of Windsor, in three advertisements in the "Sydney Morning Herald" has presented himself as the Great Champion of Sectarianism for the suppression of Mormonism; great as he may appear in his own estimation, we can inform him that he is far from being thought as much of by the public as his uncle of the same name, who stands at the head of Methodism. He appears as one desiring evidence, yet having closed his mind against it, for he expressly states that he does not desire an acquaintance with the Elders.

The question he has proposed is one of greatest importance to mankind in general, for if the Book of Mormon is authentic, its rejection will bring condemnation.

That we may facilitate the elucidation of this question, we shall describe what the Book of Mormon is.

It contains an History of God's dealings with a branch of Joseph's posterity, who, by revelation from God, left Jerusalem about 100 years before the captivity of Judah, in the reign of Nebuchadnazer, King of Babylon. The Lord guiding them through the wilderness, directing them to build a vessel, in which to cross the mighty deep. Their being safely landed on the continent of America; their subsequent division into two distinct people, called the Nephites and the Lamenites, God's blessings and judgments upon them, even until the last days, when God should again visit them in mercy, by bringing to light their record which had been hid in the earth. It also gives an account of the manner in which it was to be brought to light; the condition and character of the people at the time of its coming forth, and the effects that should follow its appearance.

Now, the question of its authenticity is fully argued in Orson Pratt's pamphlet on that subject, to which we refer our readers, and shall content ourselves by briefly laying before them the evidence of prophecy. We would request the reader's careful consideration of the following passages in the Bible in reference to this subject:—Genesis, xlviii. 8 to 22, and xlix. 22 to 26; Deuteronomy, xxxiii. 13 to 17; Isaiah, xi. and xviii. chapters; Hosea, viii. 12; Ezekiel, xxxvii. 15 to 28; Isaiah, xxix. chap.; Psalm, lxxxv. 10 to 13; Revelations, xiv. 6; Daniel, ii. 44, 45; Isaiah, xxiv. chap.; Revelations, xiv. xv. xvi. xvii. and xviii. chapters. All the prophecies in reference to the gathering of Israel have a bearing on this subject.

Let any one read the above passages, and also read the Book of Mormon, and the history of its coming forth, and they will see as strict and literal fulfilment of prophecy as ever took place on the earth.

There are also abundant of prophecies in the Book of Mormon which have been and are still being fulfilled in these days, but this generation, like the Jews in the days of Christ, are so blinded, that they will not see. There is the prophecy of the witnesses who should testify to the world of the Book of Mormon—of the blood of the Saints crying from the earth—of the taking the Gospel out from among the Gentiles inhabiting the continent of America—of the location of the Saints on the mountains—that after the coming forth of this Book, many of the house of Judah should begin to believe in Christ*—of the progress of the work and the gathering of the Saints from east, west, north, and south. But there is one much more important than any of the rest on the 26th page, viz.:—"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and the power of the HOLY

* More Jews (says Professor Pholuck,) have been converted to Christianity during the last twenty years than during the seventeen centuries preceeding.—"Northern Star," March 22, 1851. See Book of Mormon page 109, which was first published in 1830.

GHOST. * * * * How beautiful upon the mountains shall they be." Christ said, "Keep my commandment, and ye shall know of the doctrine whether it be true." Apply this rule to Mormonism, and we shall conclude that all who receive and obey this revelation, will possess the power and gift of the Holy Ghost. I now bear my humble testimony, that by obedience to the Gospel I have received the gift of the Holy Ghost, by which I know that Joseph Smith was a prophet of the True and Living God, and with me there are thousands who are ready to bear the like testimony, for we have felt and seen its power manifested in gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miracles, prophecy, decerning of spirits, tongues and interpretation of tongues. This power does and will establish the authenticity or authority of the Book of Mormon, now and for ever more. AUGUSTUS FARNHAM.

## FROM SALT LAKE.

The "Los Angelos Star" has the following news from Salt Lake:—

FROM SALT LAKE.—The Salt Lake mail arrived at San Francisco on Tuesday, bringing dates to the 30th March.

The "Deseret News" of the 16th is clothed in mourning for the death of Elder W. Richards, who died on the 11th. At the funeral, Elder G. A. Smith made a prayer, from which we extract the following paragraph:—

"Bless the widows of Thy servant Willard, who are called to part with a dear and beloved companion. Inspire them with the power of the Holy Ghost, and wisdom to bear with patience and resignation the trials they were called to contend for, and to live in such a manner as to prepare them to enjoy his society in the possession of thrones, principalities, and powers in the celestial world."

Bishop Isaac Clark, Probate Judge of Weber county, died on the 24th January.

## FIRST EPISTLE OF ORSON PRATT,

(FROM "THE SEER.")

*To the Saints scattered throughout the United States and British Provinces, greeting;*

Ever feeling a deep interest in the welfare of the Saints, you will permit me, through the medium of this Epistle, to impart to you such instructions as the Holy Spirit may whisper to my mind. I wish to ask the Saints who still remain scattered abroad, Do you enjoy as great a measure of the Spirit of God as when you were first baptized into this kingdom? Or, are your minds barren? your understanding unfruitful? your souls in darkness? and your feelings cold and indifferent towards the great work which you have embraced, and which once made you joyful and happy? If this be your condition, it is of the utmost importance that you know the causes of these unhappy changes in your feelings. Is it because the

Lord has changed, and forgotten to be gracious? Is it because the fulness of His Gospel does not produce the same effects or happiness now as it did in ancient times? Is it because the Book of Mormon, or any of the Revelations given through Joseph the Seer, have failed to accomplish those purposes for which they were sent? Is it because the Saints have passed through great tribulation, and have been driven from city to city, from State to State, and finally banished from this great Republic to seek a home in the wild glens of the Rocky Mountains? Is it because God has forsaken His people, and will no longer show them mercy? No, verily, no; none of these causes have conspired to drive away the Comforter from your hearts, or to envelope you in darkness, or to make you cold, and indifferent, and unhappy. But the principal cause of your unpleasant and unhappy state of mind, is your own disobedience to one of the most important commands which God has given to his people in this last diepensation, namely: to flee out of Babylon, and gather themselves together, and stand in holy places, that they may escape the plagues and desolating scourges which the Lord has decreed to pour out upon all nations, because of their great sins and wickedness which continually cry unto the heavens for vengence. Can any Saint neglect so important a command, when it is within their power to keep it, and still be justified and retain the peaceable Spirit of the Lord? No; the Spirit of the Lord is grieved with such, and will, by degrees, withdraw from them, and they will grope in the dark, and be liable to be overcome by temptation, and be led captive by will of the Devil: such ones, not having the Spirit that leads into all truth, are liable to be deceived by the doctrines of men and Devils! for the Lord will frequently suffer strong delusions to overpower such, that their damnation may be the greater, because they profess to know the Lord, and yet will not obey him. Remember the word of the Lord which came by the mouth of Joseph the Seer, saying, "Hearken and hear, O ye my people, saith the Lord and your God, ye whom I delight to bless with the greatest blessings, ye that hear me; and ye that hear me not, will I curse, that have professed my name, with the heaviest of all cursings." Have you hearkened to the word of God? Have you exerted yourselves to the utmost to flee from Babylon? If not, no wonder that the peaceable Spirit has been grieved from your bosom. Repent, therefore, speedily, and obey the voice of the Lord, and gather yourselves among His people, lest the destroyer lay hold upon you in an hour you think not, and you perish in disobedience, and your name be cut off from the generations of Zion. If you will awake from the slumber of death which has seized upon you, and use every exertion to obey the voice of the Lord your God, His anger shall be turned away from you, and He will show you mercy, and His Spirit shall be restored unto you again, and His hand shall be stretched out over you to shield and protect you, and to gather you even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings to save them from the approaching storms; so shall the Lord your God save

you, and comfort your hearts, and make you to sing with joy and gladness, and you shall be His people, and He will be the Lord your God. Awake then, O awake! flee to the mountains for refuge! For a day of trouble is at hand—a day of fierce battle and war—a day of mourning and lamentation for widows and orphans whose husbands and fathers shall fall in battle: it shall be the day of the Lord's controversy for His people—a day of recompense for the innocent blood of prophets and Saints, which has been shed among this nation.

The time is drawing nigh for these things to be fulfilled; for this nation have rejected the Book of Mormon, which the Lord brought forth by the ministering of Angels, and sent unto them by the hands of His servants; they have rejected the church of Christ, which the Lord God in mercy established in their midst; they have suffered His Saints to be trampled upon by mobs, to be scourged, afflicted, and abused; driven from their houses, deprived of the most sacred rights of American citizenship, and finally to be banished from their midst, and obliged to seek refuge in the solitary wilds and deserts of the Rocky Mountains. They have closed their doors, their synagogues, their eyes, and their hearts against one of the most glorious and important messages that ever saluted the ears of mortals; they have suffered one of the greatest, most renowned, and most celebrated prophets that ever lived upon the earth to be murdered in cold blood, without bringing the murderers to justice; they have suffered scores of innocent men, women, and children to be tortured, shot down, and butchered, in open day, by beings who afterwards boasted of their horrid deeds; and yet, no means are instituted to bring these guilty wretches to punishment. Does not the blood of the Saints and of Prophets cry aloud to the heavens for vengence? And shall this nation escape the judgments decreed against them? And will the Almighty forbear to execute the vengence written? Verily, no; for in December, 1838, the word of the Lord came through JOSEPH the SEER, concerning His Saints who had been driven from their homes in Jackson County, Missouri, saying:—

"Let them importune at the feet of the judge; and if he heed them not, let them importune at the feet of the governor; and if the governor heed them not, let them importune at the feet of the President and if the President heed them not, then will the Lord arise and come forth out of His hiding place and in His fury vex the nation, and in his hot displeasure, and in his fierce anger, in his time, will cut off those wicked unfaithful, and unjust stewards, and appoint them their portion among hypocrites and unbelievers, even in outer darkness, where there is weeping and wailing, and gnashing of teeth. Pray ye, therefore, that their ears may be opened unto your cries, that I may be merciful unto them, that these things may not come upon them." (Doctrine and Covenants, page 282, English Edition.)

For nineteen years the Saints have importuned, according to this commandment. But have they obtained redress? No. The judges and the Governor of the State of Missouri, instead of redressing our

wrongs, suffered us, under the force of arms, to be killed, immured in dungeon, and banished from the State. The president, instead of restoring us to our homes and lands, which we purchased of the National Government, suffered us to be deprived of the dearest rights of American citizenship, and to be banished by the force of arms from this great Republic, to seek refuge among hostile savages in the barren wastes of the snowy mountains. The cries and importunites of the Saints for redress and protection, were met with the cold reply, "Your cause is just, but we have no power to protect you." The Saints have long cried unto the Lord that he would open the ears and soften the hearts of the Rulers and Authorites of our country, that they might execute justice and right in behalf of the suffering, down-trodden, exiled citizens of this great Republic, who have been by the force of arms, driven into banishment. But their ears are closed to our cries, their eyes are shut to our suffering, and their hearts hardened against the mourning and lamentations of widows and orphans whose husbands and fathers have been cruelly martyred for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God. The cup of the iniquity of this nation is nearly full; and woe unto them, when the time shall come that they are fully ripe in their abominations, for they shall utterly perish from off the face of this choice land, and the land shall be left empty and desolate—yea, their cities shall be destroyed, and their houses shall be desolate. "For the Lord shall rise up as in Mount Perazim; He shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon, that he may do His work, His strange work; and bring to pass His act, His strange act." (Isaiah xxviii. 21.) Yea, He shall destroy and lay waste, and none shall hinder.

I will again say to the Saints scattered abroad in this land, do you wish deliverance in the day of trouble? If you do, arise and flee to the mountains, and prepare for the day of the Lord, for it is near. Let all the children of Zion go up into the mountains; for thus said the Prophet Isaiah, in his prophetic exhortation to the Zion of the last days, "*O, Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain.*" For, "behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and His arm shall rule for Him: behold. His reward is with Him and His work before Him. He shall feed His flock like a shepherd: He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom." (Isaiah xl. 9—11.) Isaiah clearly saw that, before the second coming of the Lord, to rule "*with strong hand,*" Zion would be required to "get up into the high mountain." Many of the children of Zion have fulfilled this exhortation of Isaiah; and I now say to the balance of her children, "GET THE UP INTO THE HIGH MOUNTAIN," and sanctify yourselves, that you may be as an ensign upon the mountains—a standard for the people, unto whom the meek and virtuous of all nations shall flow. For thus said the Prophet Isaiah, "He shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth."

(Isaiah xi. 12.) This ensign, remember, was not to be set up in Palestine, where Isaiah lived at the time he delivered the prophecy, but it was to be set up "from afar," or at a great distance from that country: hence he says again, "And he will lift up an ensign to the nations *from afar*, and will hiss unto them from the end of the earth: and behold, they shall come with speed swiftly." (Isaiah v. 26.) Four things are clearly predicted in this passage: First, an ensign is to be lifted up to the nations by the Lord himself; secondly, this ensign was to be lifted up, not in the country where Isaiah dwelt, but in a far country; thirdly, when this ensign should be set up, the Lord should hiss unto the nations, not from Palestine, but "from the ends of the earth," clearly indicating a message that should hiss forth from that distant country for the benefit of all nations; and lastly, a people from among these nations should "come with speed swiftly," not by the slow process of travelling to which the ancients were accustomed, but "*they shall come with speed swiftly*," indicating, no doubt, the powerful agency of steam, by which that people should be gathered from among the nations *speedly, swiftly*, unto the standard or ensign lifted up. This standard or ensign was not to be raised among Judah or Israel, but among the Gentiles, for the benefit of both Israel and Judah; for then, as Isaiah says in the foregoing quotation, both Israel and Judah will be gathered. That this standard was to be raised among the Gentiles, instead of Israel, is clearly predicted in another passage, as follows :—"Thus saith the Lord God, behold, I will lift up my hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people; and they shall bring their sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon thy shoulders." (Isaiah xlix, 22.) That this standard or ensign was not only to be set up by the Lord God, among the Gentiles, but that it was also to be lifted up on the mountains, is also predicted by Isaiah as follows: —"All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, SEE YE, WHEN HE LIFTETH UP AN ENSIGN ON THE MOUNTAINS; and when He bloweth a trumpet, hear ye. For afore the hearvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, He shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away and cut down the branches. They shall be lifted together unto the fowls of the mountains, and the beasts of the earth; and the fowls shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them. In that time shall the present be brought unto the Lord of Hosts of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible for their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out, and trodden under foot, whose land that rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the Lord of Hosts, the Mount Zion." (Isaiah xviii. 3, 5, 6, 7.) The place, then, for the lifting up of the ensign, is to be "*on the mountains*," and that too just before "*the hearvest*," or the end of the wicked world, when the Lord is to destroy a certain nation under the name of the sour grape, and they are to be left unburied for the fowls and beasts to summer and winter upon them. It

will be perceived also that "*all the inhabitants of the world, and the dwellers on the earth,*" are called upon to both see and hear, when the Lord lifts up that ensign on the mountains.

Under a deep sense of the important events which await this generation, I beg of Zion to bear with me, while I repeat again the prophetic exhortation of Isaiah: "O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain." Tarry not, lest you fall among the wicked, and are deprived of the blessings which the Lord has decreed to pour out upon Zion.

That Zion was to occupy an elevated position on the earth, is still further evident from the word of the Lord which came through Joseph the Seer, in September, 1831, saying :—"Behold, I, the Lord, have made my church, in these last days like unto a judge sitting on a HILL, or in a HIGH PLACE. to judge the nations; for it shall come to pass that the inhabitants of Zion shall judge all things pertaining to Zion; and liars and hypocrites shall be proved by them, and they who are not apostles and prophets ahall be known. And even the bishop, who is a judge, and his counsellors, if they are not faithful in their stewardships, shall be condemned, and others shall be planted in their stead; for behold, I say unto you, that Zion shall flourish, and the glory of the Lord shall be upon her, *and he shall be an Ensign unto the people,* and there shall come unto her out of every nation under heaven. And the day shall come when the nations of the earth shall tremble because of her, and shall fear because of her terrible ones. The Lord hath spoken it. Amen." (Doctrine and Covenants, page 156.)

In this extract the Lord predicted that Zion should "be an Ensign unto the people," "sitting on a hill or in a High Place," and that she should flourish. In another revelation, given through Joseph the Seer, to James Covill, in January, 1831, the Lord says, "Thou art to labour in my vineyard, and to build my church, and to bring forth Zion, *that it may rejoice upon the* HILLS *and flourish.*" (Doc. and Cov., page 212.) And in March, 1831, the word of the Lord again came unto Joseph the Seer, saying, "Before the great day of the Lord shall come, Jacob shall flourish in the wilderness, and the Lamanites [meaning the American Indians] shall blossom as the rose. *Zion shall flourish upon the hills, and rejoice upon the mountains,* and shall be assembled together unto the place which I have appointed." (Page 218.) Thus we see that twenty-two years ago, it was foretold in great plainness that Zion should flourish and rejoice upon the hills and mountains; when these prophecies were given, we did not know, for many years, how nor when the Lord intended to fulfill them: but fifteen years after the prediction, the Lord suffered our enemies to rise against us, and we were driven by the force of arms from these States, and where obliged to flee to the mountains for refuge; thus, in an unexpected manner, Zion is placed in her appropriate position, and his truly beginning to flourish and rejoice upon the hills and mountains, according to the predictions of Joseph the

prophet, and according to many predictions of the ancient prophest. Oh, how wonderful are the dealings of God with His people! And how marvellously does He fulfil the words of inspiration! Though the Heavens and Earth pass away, yet the word of the Lord spoken through Joseph the Seer, shall not pass away, but every jot and tittle that has not already come to pass, shall be fulfilled in its time and season.

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## THE FAITH AND DOCTRINES OF THE LATTER DAY SAINTS, WITH SCRIPTURAL PROOFS.

We believe in God the eternal Father, and in his Son Jesus Christ and in the Holy Ghost.

*God.*—Gen i, 26, 27; xvii, 1. Exo xxxiii, 22, 23. Num. xii, 8. Deut. ix, 10. Ps. xi. 4. *Jesus Christ.* - Heb i, 2 to 5; Col. i, 15, 16; ii, 9. Rom. i, 3, 4, Zech. xiv, 3, 4. Acts, i, 11. Jno. vi, 46. Isa. ix, 6. *Holy Spirit*—1 Cor. ii, 10. Jno. xiv, 26; xv, 26. Acts, ii, 17, 38, 39. *(God a Spirit*—Jno. iv, 24. *Love*—1 Jno. iv, 19. *Anger*—Ps. vii, 11. Isa. xi, 4. 2 Thess. i, 7, to 9.

We believe that men will be punished for their own sins, and not for Adam's transgressions.

*Man Punished for Actual Sin.*—Acts, xvii, 31. Matt. xxv. 46. Jno. v, 28, 29. Rev. xx, 12, 13.

We believe that through the atonement of Christ all mankind may be saved, by obedience to the laws and ordinances of the gospel.

*Atonement of Christ.*—1 Cor. xv, 20 to 23. Rom. v, 12 to 19. 1 Jno. i, 7 to 10. Mark xvi, 15, 16. 1 Tim. ii. 6.

We believe that these ordinances are:—1st. Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. 2nd. Repentance. 3rd. Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins. 4th. Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Spirit. 5th. The Lord's Supper.

*Faith, Repentance, Baptism and Laying on Hands.*—Jno. iii, 14 to 18. Luke xxiv, 47. Rom. i, 16, 17; x, 14. James ii, 1, 14 to 20. Mark xvi, 16 Jno. iii, 5. Acts ii, 38; viii, 12 to 17; ix, 18, xix 1 to 6. Matt. iii, 13 to 17. Heb. vi, 1, 2. Gal iii, 27. Col. ii, 12. 1 Peter iii, 21.

*Lord's Supper.* - Matt. xxvi, 26 to 29. Acts 2, 46; xx, 7; 1 Cor. xi, 23 to 34.

We believe that men must be called of God by inspiration and by laying on of hands by those who are duly commissioned to preach the gospel and administer in the ordinances thereof.

*Called of God.*—Heb. v, 4, 10; iii, 1, 2. Exo. xxviii, 1. Rom. x, 14, 15. Mark iii, 14. Jno. xv, 16; xvii, 18. Acts xiii, 1 to 3; xiv, 23. 1 Tim. ii, 7; iv, 14. 2 Tim. i, 6. Rev. i, 6; xx, 6. Mal iii, 1 to 6. Gal i, 8.

We believe in the same organization that existed in the primitive church, viz:—apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, evangelists, &c.

*Organization.*—1 Cor. xii. Eph iv, 11 to 16; ii, 19 to 24; iii, 5; Acts xiii, 1.

We believe in the powers and gifts of the everlasting gospel, viz: the gift of faith, discerning of spirits, prophecy, revelation, visions,